Applicants believe that no further fees are due and payable at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, including extension fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 467766-00087 [A-69227/MAK]).

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST THAT RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT BE WITHDRAWN

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 14 July 2003, applicants submit that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn given that the invention defined by claims 1-8 in classified in class 705, subclass 26, and that the invention defined by claims 9-13 is also classified in class 705, subclass 26.

As such, it would be no burden for the Examiner to search all claims, given that the prior art to be searched would still be found in the same class 705, sarne subclass 26.

If the Examiner declines to permit applicants to traverse the restriction requirement, than applicants would elect the invention II, defined by claims 9-13, and would cancel non-elected claims 1-8, so-called invention I.

Again, however, applicants submit that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn, in view of the same class, same subclass for all of the pending claims.

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